

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 888 STATE ROUTE 23,  
WANTAGE, NJ, HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON  
June 13, 2019**

Mayor Bassani called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested that the Clerk call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Ronald Bassani, Deputy Mayor Jonathan Morris and Committeeman William Gaechter. Also, present: Administrator/Acting Clerk Michael Restel and Attorney Glenn Kienz.

Mayor Bassani stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. It has been properly noticed and certified by the Clerk."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to approve Resolution #77-2019 through Resolution #80-2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Gaechter

Ayes: Gaechter, Morris, Bassani    Nays: None    Absent: None    Abstain: None

**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE  
RESOLUTION #77-2019**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Wantage has received notification from the State of New Jersey Clean Communities Program, that \$44,926.59 is now available for the 2019 Clean Communities Grant, The Township of Wantage wishes to amend its 2019 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the amount of \$44,926.59 which is now available as a revenue from:  
Miscellaneous Revenues

Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
Clean Communities Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$44,926.59 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

(A) Operations Excluded from "CAPS"  
Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues  
Clean Communities Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.



CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, New Jersey, at a meeting held on June 13, 2019.

**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE**

**RESOLUTION # 78-2019**

**Resolution Renewing Liquor Licenses for 2019 - 2020 Licensing Term**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, does hereby approve the renewal of the liquor licenses named below for the licensing term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

**CLUB LICENSE**

<u>License#</u>	<u>Licensee &amp; Location:</u>	<u>Trading As:</u>
1924-31-013-002	2288 Corporation RT 565 Lewisburg Road Wantage, NJ 07461	2288 Corporation
1924-31-012-001	PVT. Charles Auberger Post 213 American Legion 915 Route 23 Sussex, NJ 07461	American Legion

**PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES WITH BROAD C**

<u>License #</u>	<u>Licensee &amp; Location:</u>	<u>Trading As:</u>
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1924-32-010-005	VLR, LLC 766 Route 23 Wantage, NJ 07461	ShopRite Wine & Spirits of Wantage
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**PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES**

1924-33-002-004	Thomson Douglas J 447 Route 284 Wantage, NJ 07461	Skylands Craft Beer & Wine Garden
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1924-33-008-010	Jersey Innovative Investment, LLC 205 Route 23 N Wantage, NJ 07461	Wantage Liquors, Wantage Plaza Liquor Outlet
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1924-33-007-003	Presti Liquor LLC 289 Route 23 N Wantage, NJ 07461	Sussex Queen Diner
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1924-33-003-009	Stuffed Green Olive, LLC 447 Route 284 Wantage, NJ 07461	Green Olive
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1924-33-001-007	Akshar Liquors Wantage, LLC 65 County Route 639 Wantage, NJ 07461	Airport Pub & Package
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**PLENARY RETAIL DSITRIBUTION LICENSE**

1924-44-011-003	HPLAY Liquors, LLC 83 Hamburg Turnpike Wantage, NJ 07461	Woody's Liquor Shop
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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, New Jersey, at a meeting held on June 13, 2019.

**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE**

**RESOLUTION #79-2019**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex that payment is hereby approved for all vouchers that have been properly authenticated and presented for payment, representing expenditures for which appropriations were duly made in 2018 and 2019 Budgets adopted by this local Governing Body, including any emergency appropriations, and where unexpended balances exist in said appropriation accounts for the payment of such vouchers.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage at a meeting held on May 9, 2019 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

**CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**  
**Resolution #80-2019**

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2019 was approved on the 9th day of May 2019: and,

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said adopted capital budget section,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, that the following amendment(s) to the adopted capital budget section of the 2019 Budget be made:

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FROM  
CAPITAL BUDGET (CURRENT YEAR ACTION)  
2019

1 Project	2 Project Number	3 Estimated Total Cost	4 Amounts Reserved in Prior Years	5a 2019 Budget Appropriation	5b Capital Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants in Aid and other funds	5e Debt Authorized	6 To Be Funded in Future Years
Improvements to Various Roads	2	3,899,204.00	215,492.31	300,000.00	35,500.00		202,000.00	710,000.00	2,436,211.69
Purchase Loader	9	199,500.00			9,500.00			190,000.00	
Purchase of Wacker Roller	11	16,800.00			800.00			16,000.00	
<b>Total All Projects</b>		<b>4,115,504.00</b>	<b>215,492.31</b>	<b>300,000.00</b>	<b>45,800.00</b>		<b>202,000.00</b>	<b>916,000.00</b>	<b>2,436,211.69</b>

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2019-2024  
Anticipated Project Schedule  
and Funding Requirement

1 Project	2 Project Number	3 Estimated Total Cost	4 Estimated Completion Time	5 Funding Amounts Per Year					
				Budget Year 2019	Budget Year 2020	Budget Year 2021	Budget Year 2022	Budget Year 2023	Budget Year 2024
Improvements to Various Roads	2	3,899,204.00	2024	1,462,992.31	487,242.34	487,242.34	487,242.34	487,242.34	487,242.34
Purchase Loader	9	199,500.00	2024	199,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Purchase of Wacker Roller	11	16,800.00	2024	16,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total All Projects</b>		<b>4,115,504.00</b>		<b>1,679,292.31</b>	<b>487,242.34</b>	<b>487,242.34</b>	<b>487,242.34</b>	<b>487,242.34</b>	<b>487,242.34</b>

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Gaechter, Morris, Bassani Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**REPORTS:**

Administrator/ Acting Clerk: Mr. Restel thanked everyone who helped with the Miss Wantage Ceremony and announced the Winners. Lea Lynn Gunther Little Miss Wantage Beau William Yanish Little Mister Wantage and 2019 Miss Wantage Caroline Reese.

Mr. Restel thanked everyone helping with the 2019 Primary election and congratulated Ron on his Primary Victory.

Deputy Mayor: Mr. Morris stated he made several attempts to reach out to NJ Fish and Wildlife and kept getting voicemail. Mr. Morris is trying to get information pertaining to

certain permits. Mr. Morris called the Deputy Directors Office left a message for Paulette Nelson who is in charge of Exotic Birds.

Committeeman Mr. Gaechter: Mr. Gaechter explained about a complaint he received in Lake Neepaulin on a small road Partridge Road that connects Elkhorn Trail and Birch Drive that there is no Stop Sign at the corner of Birch Drive. Mr. Gaechter asked if Mr. Restel can check on it.

Mr. Gaechter stated that he has received a lot of complaints about the Bridge on Route 23 by the Double S Diner. Mr. Gaechter stated he has spoke to Assemblymen Space, Assemblymen Wirths and Senator Oroho about the project. Mr. Gaechter spoke about an article in the New Jersey Herald and explained what was being said about the Route 23 Bridge Project.

Mr. Gaechter read into Public Record a letter to Mrs. Diane Gutierrez Scaccetti New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner on behalf of the District 24 Constituents. Discussion ensued about the project.

Mr. Gaechter congratulated Mayor Bassani on his Primary victory.

Attorneys Report: Mr. Keinz discussed the court case with the Salt company and discussion ensued.

Mr. Keinz explained about Clove Manor wants Wantage Township to take over the roads after Mr. Pellow inspects the roads and recommends that Wantage take the roads over.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Bassani spoke about the County Route 565 Bridge Grand Reopening Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

Mayor Bassani spoke about the how he went to look at a graveyard that has Mr. Hough's remains a civil war Veteran with Mr. Restel, the property owner and the next-door neighbor and explained the process to get to the site. Mayor Bassani spoke about the unique Gravestones that were at the graveyard. Mayor Bassani spoke to Senator Oroho and the Sussex Wantage Historian to see what Wantage can do with the Graveyard and explained the history on Mr. Hough and how he died on the Civil War. Mayor Bassani explained how the Property owner purchased the property and the background. Mayor Bassani explained that we will continue to look into the Open Space aspect of the property. Mr. Morris spoke about there are groups that will help clean up the cemetery and we should look into it.

Mayor Bassani spoke about a meeting with RER Supply, that was attended by NJDEP, the owner and Operations Manager of RER and explained the meeting and what RER proposed moving forward and explained how their process works. Mayor Bassani explained the permit process that RER requires and explained the new hours RER has changed. Mayor Bassani explained that we enjoy their business as a ratable and we want to work with them not against them. Mayor Bassani talked about RER having a possible Open House to the General public to see how their business works and RER will revisit the hotline email for complaints. Mayor Bassani explained that RER is currently leasing and looking to buy a flipper for their compost piles. Mayor Bassani spoke about

RER's one complaint to NJDEP about illegal dumping of grass and explanation ensued. Wantage Township will have 48 hours to review the permit.

Mayor Bassani talked about meeting with the Union which will be discussed in Executive Session.

### **ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Bassani stated A motion is in order to introduce on first reading to Ordinance #2019-05 An Ordinance of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$986,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$936,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

Mayor Bassani clarified this is covered in our Budget and is for Various Paving Projects and purchases of Equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Gaechter

Ayes: Gaechter, Morris, Bassani    Nays: None    Absent: None    Abstain: None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Bassani stated a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting May 23, 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Gaechter, Morris, Bassani    Nays: None    Absent: None    Abstain: None

### **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mayor Bassani opened the meeting to the public.

Mrs. Kathy Gorman spoke about what is the plan for the Under the Wing Bird Sanctuary and discussion ensued about the issues. Mrs. Gorman asked about the resolution to allow Craft Beer at the Wantage Fall Festival and discussion ensued. Mayor Bassani offered to help the Recreation Department on the Resolution and would like to come up with a gamelan on we are going to serve the beer and discussion ensued. Mrs.

Gorman expressed her thanks for removing the tree at the beach and Mayor Bassani spoke about the boat ramp being repaired.

Mrs. Weiss spoke about the possibility of adding a portable free library at Woodbourne park and handed out flyers showing what it would look like and discussion ensued.

Mayor Bassani closed open session.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Bassani request a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiating & Shared Service. Mr. Kienz read Resolution #81-2019 into the record.

Mayor Bassani appointed Justin Dudzinski to Land Use as Alternate #3

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Gaechter, Morris, Bassani Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

## **TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE**

### **RESOLUTION #81-2019**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION June 13, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Wantage is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specific purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

(1) Contract Negotiations – Blue Collar and Shared Service

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, assembled in public session on March 14, 2019, that an Executive Session



closed to the public shall be held on March 14, 2019, at      PM in the Township of Wantage Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, NJ, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific item designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on June 13, 2019.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Mr. Gaechter and seconded by Mr. Morris. The Committee ended Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Gaechter, Morris, Bassani    Nays: None    Absent: None      Abstain: None

Mr. Keinz stated there were no decisions made in Executive Session.

Mayor Bassani made a motion and seconded by Mr. Morris to approve the hire of Karen Stevens to Part Time Animal Control \$15 hours a week at \$15 an hour.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Gaechter, Morris, Bassani    Nays: None    Absent: None      Abstain: None

Mayor Bassani requested a Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Gaechter and seconded by Mr. Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Gaechter, Morris, Bassani    Nays: None    Absent: None      Abstain: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Restel CPWM, Administrator/ Acting Municipal Clerk